

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: ROBERT D. FALLON MARK S. PAYNE STEPHEN K. PICATAGGIO SHIJUN WU O JH O 6 TOTAL EXECUTION OF THE PATENT & THE

APPLICATION NO.: 09/116,502

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EXAMINER: ROBERT A. WAX

FOR:

TRANSFORMED YEAST STRAINS AND THEIR USE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MONOTERMINAL AND DITERMINAL ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLATES

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 7, line 4, after "(D12475", insert therefor -- (SEQ ID NO:35)--.

At page 8, line 1, after "(D12475", insert therefor -- (SEQ ID NO:35)--.

At page 17, line 21, after "D12475", insert/therefor -- (SEQ ID NO:35)--.

At page 7, line 5, after "Alk2-A (X5588), insert therefor -- (SEQ ID NO:36)--.

At page 8, line 1, after "Alk2-A (X55881", insert therefor --(SEQ ID NO:36)--.

At page 17, line 33, delete "(X5881)", insert therefor -- (X55881) (SEQ ID NO:36)--.

At page 7, line 5, after "Alk3-A (X55881", insert therefor --(SEQ ID NO:37)--.

At page 8, line 2, after "Alk3-A (X55881", insert therefor -- (SEQ ID NO:37)--.

At page 17, line 21, after "X55881", insert therefor -- (SEQ ID NO:37)--.

At page 7, line 5, after "(D12716", insert therefor -- (SEQ ID NO:38)--.

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